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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A SCREEN SAVER IN A  
MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE  
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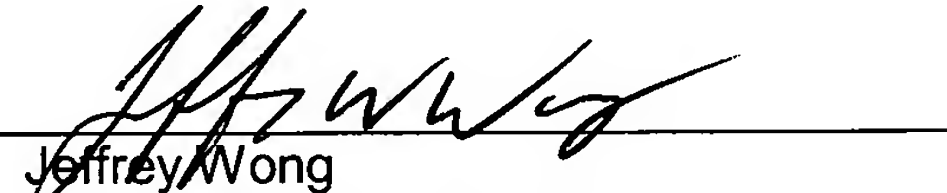
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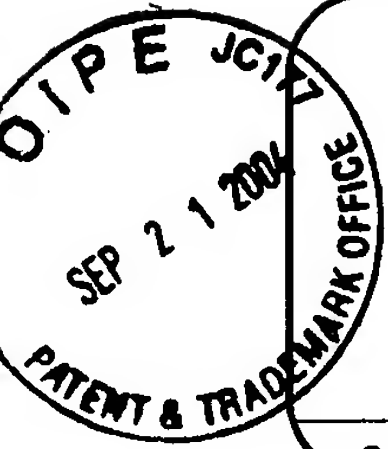
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